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SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN RESPONSE: USG PROPOSED COPUOS SPACE
DEBRIS MITIGATION GUIDELINES

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1. On May 20 Economic Unit Chief delivered reftel text to Florian Lorenz, Head of the MFA's Multilateral Scientific Cooperation and Space Affairs Unit. Lorenz welcomed the USG proposals, noting the EU and USG normally coordinated closely on space mitigation issues. Lorenz said the USG proposals, at first glance, appeared compatible with EU views on space debris mitigation. He added that Austria would follow an EU consensus position, which Member States should reach by the end of May.
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